

OBITUARY NOTICES

CHARLES NORTH DOWD

Dr. Charles North Dowd, a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine since 1889, died on May 24th, 1931 in his seventy-fourth year at his home in Saratoga Springs. Dr. Dowd had retired from practice four years ago.

He graduated from Williams College in 1878, and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1886. He had served as Attending Surgeon at the Memorial Hospital from 1894 to 1914, at St. Mary's Free Hospital for Children from 1905 to 1914, and at the Roosevelt Hospital from 1914 to 1924. He also served as Consulting Surgeon at the Roosevelt and St. Mary's Hospitals. He was a Major in the United States Army Medical Corps from 1917 to 1919. He was Professor of Clinical Surgery at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and was a member of many medical societies, and made many contributions to surgical literature.

In the death of Dr. Dowd the Academy of Medicine has lost a Fellow who was at all times keenly interested in promoting the ideals of the profession and who gave freely of his time and talents to make available the opportunities for advanced medical education in New York. He was chairman of the Committee on Medical Education for the first two years of its existence.

The activities of the Bureau of Information which are now carried out by the Committee on Medical Education of the Academy had its origin in a meeting held in 1912 in the office of Dr. Lucius Hotchkiss at which were present Charles N. Dowd, Howard C. Taylor and the writer. At that meeting the "Society for the Advancement of Clinical Study" was formed for the purpose of maintaining a bureau of information for visiting and local physicians in order that the vast facilities that existed in New York might be made readily accessible to those desiring them.

At that time there was no central bureau where a visitor could learn what surgical and medical clinics were going on each day. The Council of the Academy generously provided a room in the building for the necessary office and also space in the hall for a large bulletin board for the posting of clinics and information.

The work of the Society was financed entirely by subscriptions from those interested. It met with success from the start and was carried on until 1923 when its activities were transferred to the Academy of Medicine and the work taken over by the Committee on Medical Education.

Dr. Dowd was the President of this Society from its inception until it was dissolved in 1923, and its success was largely due to his personal efforts and devotion to its objects. Through his wise guidance the Society was safely launched and developed into a strong agency for the promotion of post-graduate medical education by making available the abundant clinical opportunities of New York to the profession. This work is now being carried on today and expanded into broader fields by the Committee on Medical Education.

The Academy owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Dowd for this pioneer work in promoting post-graduate medical education.

GEORGE GRAY WARD.

SHIBASABURO KITASATO

The death of Shibasaburo Kitasato in Tokyo on June 13, 1931, recalls the great days of the beginnings of bacteriology, when Pasteur and Koch and a host of other workers were finding new pathogenic organisms nearly every year. Kitasato, one of Koch's most brilliant pupils, worked chiefly in the Institute for Infectious Diseases in Berlin during his active career. Later he returned to Japan, devoted himself to teaching and administrative work, and ceased to be a fruitful scientific investigator.